

H.R. 5812, a bill reauthorizing ARC through FY 2011. Although the Senate passed S. 2832 to reauthorize the ARC, the Senate-passed bill did not include the anti-earmarking provision of H.R. 5812. The House did not pass S. 2832 and no further action was taken on H.R. 5812. This bill includes the anti-earmarking provision that I insisted upon in the 109th Congress.

The ARC, and the critical investments that it provides, are far too important for further delay. Congress should show its commitment to the people of Appalachia by getting this bill to the President's desk early in the 110th Congress.

I urge my colleagues to join us in supporting this bipartisan bill to reauthorize the Appalachian Regional Commission.

HONORING KRISTIN WILLETT

HON. RON LEWIS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, February 5, 2007

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kristin Willett, an exemplary citizen from my district who was recently named recipient of the Elizabethtown Independent Schools' 2006–07 Excellence in the Classroom and Educational Leadership (ExCEL) Award.

An art teacher at the Morningside Elementary School in Elizabethtown, KY, Mrs. Willett has made a personal commitment to education, creating an environment in her classroom where students of varying ages and abilities can comfortably learn and demonstrate their creative talents. For more than 4 years, she has captured the attention of her students through her innovative and interactive approach, using a wide variety of visual resources to promote connections to art.

Mrs. Willett chose to pursue a career in teaching as a way to make a tangible difference in the most important foundation of our society—children. In her interaction with students, she personifies honesty, trust, organization, creativity, and knowledge; qualities that consistently make her a favorite teacher and role-model. Her best reward, she explains, is seeing children excited by their own creativity.

I applaud Mrs. Willett for her accomplishments in public education, a profession of great responsibility and even greater reward. On behalf of many others in the Elizabethtown area, I would like to express my profound appreciation for her service.

It is my great privilege to recognize Kristin Willett today, before the entire U.S. House of Representatives, for her special achievement. Her unique dedication to the development of young people and the communities they will someday serve make her an outstanding citizen worthy of our collective honor and respect.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference.

This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, February 6, 2007 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

FEBRUARY 7

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of Energy.

SD-366

9:45 a.m.

Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the United States Department of Agriculture farm bill proposal.

SD-106

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Business meeting to consider an original bill entitled "Public Transportation Terrorism Prevention Act of 2007"; to be followed by hearings to examine predatory lending practices and home foreclosures.

SH-216

Budget

To hold hearings to examine the President's Fiscal Year 2008 budget proposal.

SD-608

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine climate change research and scientific integrity.

SR-253

Finance

To hold hearings to examine the President's Fiscal Year 2008 budget proposal.

SD-215

Environment and Public Works

Private Sector and Consumer Solutions to Global Warming and Wildlife Protection Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine global warming and wildlife, focusing on informing the Committee and the United States Senate on issues related to global warming and wildlife.

SD-406

Rules and Administration

To hold hearings to examine the hazards of electronic voting, focusing on the machinery of democracy.

SR-301

2:30 p.m.

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

FEBRUARY 8

9:15 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the President's foreign affairs budget; there is a possibility of a business meeting to consider the nomination of John D.

Negroponte, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of State.

SD-106

9:30 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine issues relating to labor, immigration, law enforcement, and economic conditions in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

SD-366

Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by an oversight hearing on diabetes in Indian Country, focusing on the Special Diabetes Program for Indians.

SR-485

Appropriations

Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the President's budget request for Fiscal Year 2008 for the Department of Transportation.

SD-138

10 a.m.

Budget

To hold hearings to examine the President's Fiscal Year 2008 budget and revenue proposals.

SD-608

Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine the present and future of public safety communications.

SR-253

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine No Child Left Behind reauthorization, focusing on strategies that promote school improvement.

SH-216

Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 188, to revise the short title of the Fannie Lou Hamer, Rosa Parks, and Coretta Scott King Voting Rights Act Reauthorization and Amendments Act of 2006, S. 214, to amend chapter 35 of title 28, United States Code, to preserve the independence of United States attorneys, S. 316, to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market, S. 236, to require reports to Congress on Federal agency use of data mining, S. Res. 36, honoring women's health advocate Cynthia Boles Dailard, S. Res. 37, designating March 26, 2007 as "National Support the Troops Day" and encouraging the people of the United States to participate in a moment of silence to reflect upon the service and sacrifice of members of the Armed Forces both at home and abroad, and the nominations of Marcia Morales Howard, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Nora Barry Fischer, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Norman Randy Smith, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, John Alfred Jarvey, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa, and Sara Elizabeth Lioi, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Intelligence

To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters.

SH-219

<p>FEBRUARY 9</p> <p>9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Armed Services</p> <p>To receive a briefing on the Department of Defense Inspector General's report on the activities of the Office of Special Plans prior to the war in Iraq; to be followed by a closed session in SR-232A.</p> <p>SR-222</p>	<p>pacts of climate change and stabilizing greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.</p> <p>SD-106</p> <p>Appropriations</p> <p>Interior and Related Agencies Subcommittee</p> <p>To hold oversight hearings to examine the Outer Continental Shelf oil and natural gas royalty management by the Department of the Interior.</p> <p>SD-124</p>	<p>closed session in SR-222 following the open session.</p> <p>SH-216</p> <p>Commerce, Science, and Transportation Aviation Subcommittee</p> <p>To hold hearings to examine the Administration's proposal to reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration (Part 1).</p> <p>SR-253</p> <p>Energy and Natural Resources</p> <p>To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of the Interior.</p> <p>SD-366</p> <p>10 a.m.</p> <p>Finance</p> <p>To hold hearings to examine the Administration trade agenda for 2007.</p> <p>SD-215</p>
<p>FEBRUARY 12</p> <p>2:30 p.m.</p> <p>Energy and Natural Resources Energy Subcommittee</p> <p>To hold hearings to examine recommendations on policies and programs to improve the energy efficiency of buildings and to expand the role of electric and gas utilities in energy efficiency programs.</p> <p>SD-366</p>	<p>FEBRUARY 14</p> <p>10 a.m.</p> <p>Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs</p> <p>To hold hearings to examine the semi-annual monetary policy report to the Congress.</p> <p>SD-106</p> <p>Judiciary</p> <p>To hold hearings to examine judicial security and independence.</p> <p>SD-226</p>	<p>FEBRUARY 28</p> <p>2:30 p.m.</p> <p>Commerce, Science, and Transportation Science and Space Subcommittee</p> <p>To hold hearings to examine the President's budget for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).</p> <p>SR-253</p>
<p>FEBRUARY 13</p> <p>10 a.m.</p> <p>Energy and Natural Resources</p> <p>To hold hearings to examine the "Stern Review of the Economics of Climate Change" examining the economic im-</p>	<p>FEBRUARY 15</p> <p>9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Armed Services</p> <p>To hold hearings to examine the current and future readiness of the Army and Marine Corps; there is a possibility of a</p>	